

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

Fire Prevention Week will be observed in the City of Boston from October 5th to October 11th, 2014. The theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives, Test Yours Every Month".

Fire stations in Boston will be open to the public between 1200 and 1700 hours for visits of the premises and for the conveyance of information concerning the fire department functions and fire prevention matters.

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